

paragraph (1)(B), that the woman has delivered (including the placenta).

“(5) The term ‘transfer’ means the movement (including the discharge) of an enrolled veteran outside the facilities of a medical facility of the Department at the direction of any individual employed by (or affiliated or associated, directly or indirectly, with) the Department, but does not include such a movement of an individual who—

“(A) has been declared dead; or

“(B) leaves the facility without the permission of any such person.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1730A the following new item:

“1730B. Examination and treatment for emergency medical conditions and women in labor.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

□ 1630

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to add extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 3216, the Veterans Emergency Treatment—or VET—Act.

It should be common sense, if a veteran is in need of medical attention and arrives on the grounds of a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility, that veteran would be seen, assessed, and treated immediately. However, recently, a veteran who experienced a medical emergency in Washington State traveled as far as the parking lot of his local VA emergency room before finding he could go no further, and he called the VA and asked for help in making it through the doors. He was told by the VA staff who answered his call that he should hang up and dial 911.

To hear the VA staff express an unwillingness or an apprehension about assisting a veteran in the midst of his having a medical emergency in its own parking lot is not only unacceptable, it is emblematic of how much the VA has lost its way.

H.R. 3216 would require the VA to determine whether a medical emergency exists among any enrolled veteran who presents at a VA facility and would prohibit the VA from transferring a medically unstable veteran unless the veteran submits a written request to be transferred or it finds that it is clinically unnecessary. It would also prohibit the VA from taking an adverse action against any employee who refuses to authorize a transfer or who

prevents the VA from delaying needed care by inquiring about payment method or insurance status. This legislation would help ensure that, in the case of a medical emergency, a veteran's health remains the number one priority, which is where it should always belong.

This bill is sponsored by my friend and colleague, Congressman DAN NEWHOUSE from Washington State. I am grateful to him for sponsoring this measure, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in support of it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in regard to H.R. 3216, the Veterans Emergency Treatment Act.

This bill requires that, if an enrolled veteran in the VA requests treatment at a VA Emergency Department, he or she will get that examination or treatment whether or not it is related to a service-connected condition. It also prohibits the VA from transferring a patient to another facility without its having the written consent of that veteran unless a physician deems the transfer medically necessary. It further prohibits the VA from taking adverse action against any VA employee in his refusing to authorize the transfer of an enrolled veteran if it is contrary to the veteran's wishes. The purpose of this legislation is to have the VA follow the Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from the Fourth District of Washington State (Mr. NEWHOUSE), the sponsor of this piece of legislation.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding me some time to speak on this important bill.

Mr. Speaker, President Abraham Lincoln once famously charged all Americans with the responsibility “to care for him who shall have borne the battle.” If you speak with veterans today, you will learn that the quality of health care provided to them, many times, does not reflect this duty.

In recent years, we have learned of multiple incidents in which the VA has failed to provide emergency care to veterans in need. In addition to the incidents that happened in my home State, another notable incident occurred in New Mexico, in the year 2014, when a veteran collapsed in the cafeteria of a VA facility, and he ultimately died when the VA refused to transport him 500 yards across the campus to the ER.

My legislation will ensure that every enrolled veteran who arrives at the Emergency Department of a VA medical facility and who seeks emergency treatment is assessed and treated in order to prevent further injury or death. This is accomplished by applying the statutory requirements of the Emergency Medical Treatment &

Labor Act, or EMTALA, to emergency care that is furnished by the VA to our veterans.

This is a 1986 Federal statute that grants every individual a Federal right to emergency care. It requires a hospital to conduct a medical examination to determine if an emergency medical condition exists. If one does, then the hospital must either stabilize the patient or effectuate a proper transfer at the patient's request. Currently, VA hospitals are considered to be non-participating hospitals and, therefore, are not obligated to fulfill the requirements of EMTALA. The VET Act will remove the non-participating designation from VA hospitals and require them to fulfill the requirements of EMTALA, just as every other hospital does.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to support and pass H.R. 3216. It is time we ensure that our veterans receive proper medical treatment during emergency medical situations, all without requiring additional spending.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3216, the Veterans Emergency Treatment Act.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to support Mr. NEWHOUSE's piece of legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3216.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1832

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3537, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5392, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second

electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3537) to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues are to be regulated, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 258, nays 101, not voting 72, as follows:

[Roll No. 557]

YEAS—258

Abraham	Duncan (SC)	Kuster
Aderholt	Duncan (TN)	LaHood
Aguilar	Emmer (MN)	LaMalfa
Allen	Esty	Lamborn
Amodei	Farenthold	Lance
Ashford	Fitzpatrick	Langevin
Babin	Fleischmann	Larsen (WA)
Barletta	Flores	Larsen (CT)
Barr	Fortenberry	Latta
Barton	Foster	LoBiondo
Bass	Fox	Loeb
Benishek	Franks (AZ)	Long
Bera	Frelinghuysen	Love
Bilirakis	Gibbs	Lowe
Bishop (MI)	Gibson	Lucas
Black	Gohmert	Luetkemeyer
Blum	Goodlatte	Lujan Grisham
Bost	Gosar	(NM)
Boustany	Graham	Lujan, Ben Ray
Brady (TX)	Granger	(NM)
Bridenstine	Graves (GA)	Lynch
Brooks (IN)	Graves (LA)	MacArthur
Brownley (CA)	Graves (MO)	Marino
Buck	Green, Gene	McCarthy
Bucshon	Griffith	McHenry
Burgess	Grothman	McKinley
Bustos	Guinta	McMorris
Byrne	Guthrie	Rodgers
Calvert	Hahn	McNerney
Capps	Hanna	McSally
Carter (TX)	Hardy	Meadows
Castor (FL)	Harper	Meehan
Chabot	Harris	Messer
Ciçilline	Hartzler	Mica
Clark (MA)	Heck (WA)	Miller (FL)
Coffman	Hensarling	Moolenaar
Cole	Herrera Beutler	Mooney (WV)
Collins (GA)	Hice, Jody B.	Mullin
Comstock	Higgins	Murphy (FL)
Conaway	Hill	Murphy (PA)
Connolly	Himes	Neal
Cook	Holding	Neugebauer
Cooper	Hudson	Newhouse
Costa	Huffman	Noem
Courtney	Huizenga (MI)	Nugent
Cramer	Hultgren	Nunes
Crawford	Hunter	Olson
Cuellar	Hurd (TX)	Palazzo
Culberson	Issa	Pallone
Curbelo (FL)	Jenkins (KS)	Palmer
Davidson	Jenkins (WV)	Pascarella
Davis (CA)	Johnson (OH)	Paulsen
Davis, Rodney	Johnson, Sam	Pearce
DeGette	Jordan	Perry
Delaney	Joyce	Peters
DeLauro	Katko	Peterson
DelBene	Keating	Pitts
Denham	Kelly (MS)	Poliquin
Dent	Kennedy	Pompeo
DesJarlais	Kilmer	Posey
Diaz-Balart	Kind	Quigley
Dingell	King (IA)	Ratcliffe
Dold	Kinzing (IL)	Reed
Donovan	Kline	Reichert
Duffy	Knight	Renacci

Rice (SC)	Sinema	Walberg
Rigell	Sires	Walden
Roby	Slaughter	Walker
Rogers (AL)	Smith (MO)	Walorski
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NE)	Walz
Rooney (FL)	Smith (NJ)	Wasserman
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (TX)	Schultz
Ross	Stefanik	Weber (TX)
Rothfus	Stivers	Welch
Rouzer	Swalwell (CA)	Wenstrup
Royce	Thompson (PA)	Westerman
Ruiz	Thornberry	Williams
Ruppersberger	Tiberi	Wilson (SC)
Russell	Tipton	Wittman
Salmon	Titus	Womack
Scalise	Torres	Yoder
Schweikert	Trott	Young (AK)
Scott, Austin	Tsongas	Young (IA)
Scott, David	Turner	Young (IN)
Sensenbrenner	Upton	Zeldin
Sessions	Valadao	Zinke
Sherman	Vela	
Shuster	Wagner	

NAYS—101

Adams	Frankel (FL)	O'Rourke
Amash	Gabbard	Payne
Beyer	Gallego	Pelosi
Bishop (GA)	Garamendi	Perlmutter
Blumenauer	Garrett	Pingree
Bonamici	Green, Al	Pocan
Boyle, Brendan	Grijalva	Polis
F.	Hastings	Ribble
Brady (PA)	Honda	Rokita
Brat	Hoyer	Roybal-Allard
Brooks (AL)	Huelskamp	Sánchez, Linda
Brown (FL)	Johnson (GA)	T.
Capuano	Johnson, E. B.	Sanford
Cárdenas	Kelly (IL)	Sarbanes
Carson (IN)	Kildee	Schakowsky
Cartwright	Labrador	Scott (VA)
Castro (TX)	Lawrence	Serrano
Chaffetz	Lee	Sewell (AL)
Chu, Judy	Levin	Smith (WA)
Clawson (FL)	Lewis	Stewart
Clay	Lofgren	Stutzman
Cleaver	Loudermilk	Takano
Clyburn	Lowenthal	Thompson (CA)
Cohen	Lummis	Thompson (MS)
Conyers	Massie	Van Hollen
Cummings	McClintock	Vargas
Davis, Danny	McCollum	Veasey
DeFazio	McDermott	Visclosky
DeSaulnier	Moore	Waters, Maxine
Deutch	Moulton	Watson Coleman
Doggett	Mulvaney	Wilson (FL)
Doyle, Michael	Napolitano	Woodall
F.	Nolan	Yarmuth
Edwards	Norcross	Yoho
Eshoo		

NOT VOTING—72

Beatty	Gutiérrez	Pittenger
Becerra	Heck (NV)	Poe (TX)
Bishop (UT)	Hinojosa	Price (NC)
Blackburn	Hurt (VA)	Price, Tom
Buchanan	Israel	Rangel
Butterfield	Rice (NY)	Rice (NY)
Carney	Jeffries	Richmond
Carter (GA)	Jolly	Roe (TN)
Clarke (NY)	Jones	Rohrabacher
Collins (NY)	Kelly (PA)	Roskam
Costello (PA)	King (NY)	Rush
Crenshaw	Kirkpatrick	Schiff
Crowley	Lieu, Ted	Sanchez, Loretta
DeSantis	Lipinski	F.
Duckworth	Maloney	Schrader
Ellison	Carolyn	Shimkus
Ellmers (NC)	Maloney, Sean	Simpson
Engel	Marchant	Speier
Farr	Matsui	Tonko
Fincher	McCauley	Velázquez
Fleming	McGovern	Walters, Mimi
Forbes	Meeks	Webster (FL)
Fudge	Meng	Westmoreland
Gowdy	Miller (MI)	
Grayson	Nadler	

□ 1852

Ms. BROWN of Florida, Messrs. STUTZMAN, THOMPSON of Mississippi, HONDA, HOYER, CARSON of Indiana, ROKITA, NOLAN, CÁRDENAS, LEWIS, VARGAS, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mses. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and KUSTER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add certain synthetic substances to schedule I, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NO VETERANS CRISIS LINE CALL SHOULD GO UNANSWERED ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5392) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the Veterans Crisis Line, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 357, nays 0, not voting 74, as follows:

[Roll No. 558]

YEAS—357

Abraham	Chabot	Duncan (TN)
Adams	Chaffetz	Edwards
Aderholt	Chu, Judy	Emmer (MN)
Aguilar	Ciçilline	Eshoo
Allen	Clark (MA)	Esty
Amash	Clawson (FL)	Farenthold
Amodei	Clay	Fitzpatrick
Ashford	Cleaver	Fleischmann
Babin	Clyburn	Flores
Barletta	Coffman	Fortenberry
Barr	Cole	Foster
Barton	Collins (GA)	Fox
Bass	Comstock	Frankel (FL)
Benishek	Conaway	Franks (AZ)
Bera	Connolly	Frelinghuysen
Beyer	Conyers	Gabbard
Bilirakis	Cook	Gallego
Bishop (GA)	Cooper	Garamendi
Bishop (MI)	Costa	Garrett
Bishop (UT)	Courtney	Gibbs
Black	Cramer	Gibson
Blum	Crawford	Gohmert
Blumenauer	Cuellar	Goodlatte
Bonamici	Culberson	Gosar
Bost	Cummings	Graham
Boustany	Curbelo (FL)	Granger
Boyle, Brendan	Davidson	Graves (GA)
F.	Davis (CA)	Graves (LA)
Brady (PA)	Davis, Danny	Graves (MO)
Brady (TX)	Davis, Rodney	Green, Al
Brat	DeFazio	Green, Gene
Bridenstine	DeGette	Griffith
Brooks (AL)	Delaney	Grijalva
Brooks (IN)	DeLauro	Grothman
Brown (FL)	DelBene	Guinta
Brownley (CA)	Denham	Guthrie
Buck	Dent	Hahn
Bucshon	DeSaulnier	Hanna
Burgess	DesJarlais	Hardy
Bustos	Deutch	Harper
Byrne	Diaz-Balart	Harris
Calvert	Dingell	Hartzler
Capps	Doggett	Hastings
Capuano	Dold	Heck (WA)
Cárdenas	Donovan	Hensarling
Carson (IN)	Doyle, Michael	Herrera Beutler
Cartwright	F.	Hice, Jody B.
Castor (FL)	Duffy	Higgins
Castro (TX)	Duncan (SC)	Hill